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IN THE CLAIMS.

A system for a network of computers, including personal compouters, comprising:

at \least three personal computers;

one said personal computer functioning as a master in a parallel processing or multi-processing operation involving at least two other said personal computers functioning as slaves to said master;

hardware or software or firmware means for said master personal computer to subdivide said operation into two parts and to send said parts to said slaves for processing by said slaves;

hardware or software or firmware means for said at least two slave personal computers to process said operation and send results back to said master when the operation is completed.

The system of claim 1, wherein said system is scalar in that said system imposes no limit to the number of said personal computers.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein said system includes at least 1024 said personal computers.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein said system is scalar in that said system imposes no limit to the number of said personal computers participating in a single shared computer processing operation.

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- 5. The system of claim 4, wherein said system includes at least 256 said personal computers.
- 6. The system of claim 1, wherein said network is connected to the Internet and its equivalents and successors, so that said personal computers include at least a million personal computers.
 - 7. The system of claim 1, wherein said network is connected to the World Wide Web and its successors.
 - 8. The system of claim 1, wherein said network includes at least one network server that participates in said shared computer processing.

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